MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (1) and (2) The answer is in the negative.

(3) This does not arise in view of the answers to parts (1) and (2). However, the Commissioner of Police has been directed to enquire into the matter personally.

Dewan's Pronouncement re 'Brooke Bond Concession.'

167. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : With reference to the pronouncement "The final verdict will rest with the representatives of the people" made by the Dewan in his address to the twenty-third session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly regarding the "Brooke Bond Concession" will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what the Government had in mind when this pronouncement was made ; and

(*b*) whether it means that the verdict of the members of the Legislative Council will be taken before the "Brooke Bond Concession" would materialise ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The idea of the Government was as stated by the member in part (*b*) of his interpellation.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : With regard to answer to part (*b*), may I know whether the idea of the Government has undergone any change since the pronouncement was made? The word used in the answer is "was". I want to know if the idea of the Government is still the same.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Till this moment, it is like that.

Transaction with Messrs. Brooke Bond Tea Company.

168. **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*) : With reference to paragraph 12 of the Dewan's opening address to the twenty-third session of the S. M. P. Assembly embodying the proposal to register large areas of *puduval* lands, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) at what stage the correspondence between Messrs. Brooke Bond Tea Company and the Government stands at present ;

(*b*) whether the survey of the lands referred to is over ;

(*c*) whether the land has been found fit for tea cultivation ;

(*d*) whether any money has been spent by the Government on account of the said survey operations, and, if so, the approximate amount spent or proposed to be spent ; and

(*e*) whether the Government are aware of the public protest against the proposed scheme and the intensity and the volume of public opinion as evidenced by public meetings, assembly representations, letters and pamphlets published by accredited representatives of the people, and criticisms in the newspapers, both inside and outside the State ?

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